

August Braeutigam

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Born: November 25, 1851
Died: August 13, 1916
Married: October 3, 1874
To: Nellie Haddock
Born: August 7, 1857
Died: August 13, 1942

A. Annie

Born: August 25, 1875
Died: September 11, 1932
Married: November 15, 1892
To: J. L. Pampell
Born: February 8, 1871
Died: November 14, 1958

1. Milton Pampell

Born: November 14, 1898
Died:
Married: September 27, 1921
To: Lucile Pardue
Born: August 7, 1902
Died:

No children.

Johann August Braeutigam

Johann August Braeutigam, the oldest child of Johann Wolfgang and Christine Kensing Braeutigam, was born on November 25, 1851. August, as he was known, was the first descendant of the Braeutigam pioneer family that came to Texas in 1846 from Kaltenlengsfeld, Germany. His birthplace was at Drei Kricken later referred to as Grape Creek in what is now the Luckenbach community near the small hamlet known as Luckenbach, Texas.

August was fortunate to have a school in the community. The school was organized in 1855 and was known as Grape Creek School; later it was called the Luckenbach School. August was listed among the pupils from 1860 to 1870 with Hermann Toepperwein as teacher. It was a crude type of school with a home made table and bench, very few books and a shortage of pencils and slates. So most of the learning was done orally but they mastered the 3 R's in the German language fairly well.

It was in 1870 that his parents sold their first permanent home place consisting of 99 acres from the Thomas Moore Grant to Christian Behrends for 1200 specie dollars and bought 640 acres about 2 miles east of Fredericksburg. Upon this land was located the demolished Fort Martin Scott which the Braeutigam family renovated into a home. August was eighteen years of age when they moved to this place close to Fredericksburg and evidently played a great role in planning this entertainment center known as Braeutigam's Garten.

By this age he also had mastered the art of horseshoeing, wheel-right and blacksmith. So when he was approached to do this type of work on the horses and wagons on a long cattle drive up the middle west, probably to Dodge City, he agreed to go with them.

Since the life on cattle drives was not so satisfactory to his nature, the boss gave him and another man the two best horses with

saddle and pack and let them decide their own destiny. They went through the Black Hills, Montana and finally reached Sacramento, California. This was before Custer's Last Stand, the man who fought against the Indians in the Black Hills of the Dakotas and Montana in order to protect the white settlers. He was indeed under the protection of his heavenly Father to have reached California safely.

Upon arrival in Sacramento he hung up his saddle and pistol, left a note on it stating that whoever wanted it could claim it. Although he was an expert marksman he had no desire to keep his pistol and was through with his adventure. He bought a blacksmith shop in a small place known as Gridley Station. It was here in California where he met his future wife Nellie Haddock whom he married in Marysville on October 3, 1874.

Nellie was a native of England, a child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haddock. The Haddock's left England with 2 small boys to come to America and eventually to California where some of the relatives were settled at Marysville California. In Chicago, Illinois, one of the boys became ill and died. By that time it was too late for Mrs. Haddock to travel, so they waited for their little girl Nellie to be born on August 7, 1857. Because of the new baby and hardship of travel, they returned to the east coast, went to Panama, crossed the isthmus on a small trolley or train and went up the Pacific coast to settle at Gridley Station near Marysville. She grew up as one of the thirteen children that were born to Rosetta Holt of London, England and Robert Haddock of Durham, England, the Robert Haddock's of Marysville, California.

On August 25, 1875, the first and only child, a daughter Annie was born at Gridley Station.

The August Braeutigam's moved to Commanche, Texas in 1877, where he established a large rock blacksmith shop, the remains of what is left are still to be found at Commanche.

From Commanche they moved to Laredo where Mr. Braeutigam owned a grocery store. After five years, they moved to Fredericksburg, Texas, where he inherited 44 acres from his father east of the Barons Creek at a point where the old San Antonio Road and Austin Highway fork. In the Instrument of Writing on record at the Gillespie County Clerk's office it states that on June 8, 1884 J.W. Braeutigam deeded 44 acres of land which should be considered as August Braeutigam's share of the Braeutigam estate in consideration of love and affection he felt toward him. He shall not inherit anymore than the above amount. From this writing, we surmise that all of the children were to receive 44 acres to start with.

In September of the same year, his father was killed by robbers. On August's 44 acres he established another blacksmith shop which is referred to as the "Toyl Box". In the records we also find that August owned land on the Grape Creek which was sold to Charles Enderlin.

In 1885, August moved his family to Kerrville. Emil, who became married to Anna Stoffers on October 10, 1891 became the owner of this place.

In Kerrville August opened another blacksmith shop on Water Street in the vicinity where H.E.B. Food Store and Winns Store are located now. The L.A. Schreiner and A.C. Schreiner residence were located across from the Braeutigam home and shop. Kerrville became his permanent home and they lived there for thirty years, operating his blacksmith shop for twenty or more years.

Milton Pampell, his grandson recalls the days when as a

youngster he would watch his grandfather at work. He was given a small leather apron to wear and never was allowed to come into the shop without shoes on in order to protect him from the sparks while forging the iron and the cinders that might be found on the ground.

B. L. Enderle remembers well when he grew up in Kerrville how the Freight Wagons would stop at the Braeutigam Blacksmith. "Mr. Braeutigam, a beloved gentleman would service and repair the wagons while a hired hand would shoe the horses."

August was troubled with a diseased heart but was fairly active during his retirement. His death came on August 13, 1916. He was laid to rest in Glen Rest Cemetery with both Bishop Johnston of the Episcopal Church and Rev. Schleifer of the Lutheran Church officiating. He was active in church work, serving as Alderman for many years. August was a Lutheran, being baptized in the Vereins Kirche (Union Church) available for use by all denominations. It served as a schoolhouse, a town hall and a fortress. His wife, Nellie Haddock Braeutigam was an Episcopalian. Religious harmony was exemplified during their forty years of married life.

August Braeutigam was regarded as a highly respected citizen who was found honorable in all daily walks of life, true to God and fellowman. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather whose soul was never stained with malice, uncharitableness or envy.

Annie Braeutigam

Annie Braeutigam, the only child of August and Nellie Haddock Braeutigam was born on August 25, 1875. When Annie was only one year old the Braeutigams moved back to Texas to Comanche where they lived for four to five years. There again he established a rock blacksmith shop which is still to be seen.

From Comanche they moved to Laredo where he operated a grocery business. Here in Laredo at the age of 5 she started to school at the Laredo Seminary. In 1884 her grandfather Johann Wolfgang deeded 44 acres of land on the Barons Creek at the fork of the Old San Antonio road and Austin Highway to August her dad. Here Annie grew to be about eleven years old when her father and Mother moved to Kerrville.

She received most of her education at the Koffee Muehle or Vereins Kirche which served many purposes such as school, church, townhall and fortress.

Annie studied German under Professor Ochs. This helped her greatly in the association with her relatives who used the German language. Annie also attended school in the Union Church at Kerrville and also at the Wilson home on Jefferson Street. After the age of 11 she attended St. Mary's Hall where she learned music and art. She took painting lessons from Miss Scott (Mrs. Irving) a sister to Mrs. A. C. Schreiner. Her first painting was a snow scene at the age of 13.

She was confirmed into the Episcopal Church and sang beautifully in their choir. She was active in all the church activities.

She was married to John L. Pampell on November 15, 1892 at the age of 17 at the home of her parents at the early hour of 5 o'clock by the Rector of St. Peter Church, Rev. J. A. Antrim Officiating. The young pair took the 5:40 a m train for a bridal tour of the principal cities of the state. Miss Annie was a lovely and accomplished girl and the only child of Alderman A. Braeutigam and

John was a lively young business man. On their return they occupied the charming cottage erected by her father.

Destiny brought Pampell to Kerrville through ill health. He left his boyhood home of Brenham, Texas and arrived in Kerrville July 4, 1890. He became Express Messenger on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad about four years after the coming of railroads in that section. It was his first experience in earning a livelihood after departing from the sheltering arms of his father and his mercantile business in Brenham. His first small business place was an Ice Cream Parlor and Confectionary which he opened six more after his arrival in Kerrville, with the small amount of \$600 of his own earnings. He operated the Drugstore and Confectionary until he retired and then his son Milton carried on the business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pampell lived a happy married life until September 11, 1932 when Annie passed on after a short illness.

Milton Pampell

Milton Pampell, the only child of Annie Braeutigam Pampell and John L. Pampell, was born in Kerrville on November 14, 1898.

He received his public school education in Tivy Public School at Kerrville. After one year of High School in Kerrville, Milton was sent to San Antonio Academy, a private school, from which he graduated in 1919. During World War I he attended and received training in Austin College in Sherman, Texas. Later he attended Draughtons Business College in Galveston, Texas and after finishing his course he went into business with his father who was operating a confectionery and drugstore.

It was during the summer when he met Lucille over a limeade in the drugstore. Lucile Pardue would spend part of her vacation in Kerrville. This acquaintance developed into a romance and were married on September 27, 1921. Lucile was born at Memphis, Texas in the Panhandle on August 7, 1902 but moved to San Antonio at the age of 5 years. She graduated from Main Avenue High School in 1919 and attended C.I.A. at Denton, Texas for two years.

After marriage they have made their home in Kerrville where they now reside in a beautiful residential district on Virginia Drive. Many pieces of antique furniture from the parents and grandparents and the beautiful paintings of Milton's mother are to be seen in their home.

Lucile has been a good wife and homemaker while Milton has been quite a busy man in his confectionery and drugstore business but is now retired. They have no children.

Years ago they had owned a ranch at Turtle Creek where they spent many relaxing hours hunting and fishing but through the years they decided to sell the land.

Both are active members of St. Peter Episcopal Church, the church of their parents and grandparents.